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## STRATEGIC INFORMATION: DATA FOR DECISION MAKING AT THE PROVINCIAL LEVEL

USAID/HPI has strengthened the capacity of Provincial AIDS Centers (PACs) in the use of Data for Decision Making (DDM) to address funding transitions and implement national policies at the provincial level.

POLICY IMPLEMENTED AT NATIONAL LEVEL

REVIEW CURRENT PROVINCIAL STRATEGIC PLAN

ESTABLISH PROVINCIAL DDM TEAM

REVIEW PROVINCIAL DATA AND MAKE 5-YEAR PROJECTIONS

CONDUCT A RESOURCE NEEDS ESTIMATE

SET ANNUAL TARGETS FOR 5 YEARS

ASSESS AND DEVELOP A RESOURCE NEEDS PLAN

DEVELOP A DRAFT 5-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN

### DDM IN ACTION: A CASE STUDY FROM HO CHI MINH CITY

USAID/HPI assisted the Ho Chi Minh City PAC (HCMC-PAC) to evaluate the HCMC 2006-2010 HIV/AIDS Strategic Plan and provided support for the development of a new HIV/AIDS Strategic Plan for 2011-2015.

HCMC-PAC established 6 sub-committees to develop different components of the strategic plan: Information, Education and Communication, Harm Reduction and Community Reintegration, HIV Prevention Interventions, Care and Treatment, Care and Support, Finance and Human Resources. Each subcommittee consisted of key members from stakeholders and met regularly to review and reach consensus on data, strategies, and recommendations.

All existing epidemiological, program, and financial data were collected, reviewed, triangulated, and analyzed. Two key modeling tools, the Asian Epidemic Model (AEM), and the Resource Needs Model (RNM), were applied to the data. Results were used to develop epidemiologic projections, estimate resource needs and recommend effective interventions and resource mobilization options.

Dissemination meetings engaged international organizations, provincial departments/agencies, district authorities, and representatives from other provinces to comment and provide input into the strategic plan. USAID/HPI supported this process at all stages. The strategic plan was finalized and approved by HCMC People's Committee, and was implemented in July 2011.

### DDM IN ACTION: A CASE STUDY FROM NGHE AN

Existing Provincial Data showed the distribution of HIV cases and the locations of key services by district. Data analysis showed gaps in resource allocation. In particular the epidemic was shown to be very serious in mountainous areas but the focus of resources was heavily on delta and urban areas

The Nghe An PAC made recommendation to re-allocate resources to mountainous areas and sought support from PEPFAR to conduct a detailed assessment and establish key services in these areas.

Thanks to a strong provincial DDM team, effective advocacy by Nghe An PAC, and support from USAID/HPI, a new Provincial Strategy prioritizing mountainous regions has been developed and was submitted to the Department of Health for review in March 2013.

PACs PRESENT DATA AND OBTAIN DEPARTMENT BUY-IN

MODIFY 5-YEAR TARGETS BASED ON FEEDBACK FROM DEPARTMENTS

PRELIMINARY APPROVAL BY DEPARTMENTS

CONSULTATIVE REVIEW PROCESS AND DISSEMINATION MEETINGS

FINALIZE STRATEGIC PLAN AND SUBMIT FOR APPROVAL BY PROVINCIAL PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE